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In re Application of: Stephen QUAKE; Wayne D. VOLKMUTH

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Hon. Commissioner of
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Sir:

Prior to considering the claims of the above-identified application, please consider the following amendments and remarks. This amendment is believed to be filed prior to any Office Actions on the merits.

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